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Mayor of Lafayette, Mike Anderson

Re: Resignation from Planning Commission

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Regrettably, personal circumstances have led me to conclude that I should resign my position as a Planning Commissioner effective 31 December, 2008.

I was appointed to the Planning Commission in 1983 and have served proudly as a member, and for five times as Chair, over the past twenty-five years, and I have been fortunate enough to have participated in the many positive changes that Lafayette has experienced over that time. I am grateful to have served with so many of Lafayette's able leaders, good people, both past and present. Finally, I want to thank the staff for their outstanding and professional support of the Planning Commission, the City, and its General Plan. As you no doubt agree, the staff is special and unique. In my business, and for many years, I have had to relate with many other city staffs, and I can unequivocally state that no City with whom I have dealt can hold a candle to our staff in terms of professionalism. "people" skills, and sure expertise.

While I am stepping down from the Planning Commission at the end of the year, I intend to retain my position as a member of the City's Senior's Needs Assessment Task Force (SNATF), as I fill that position as a volunteer member representing community service organizations, e.g., the Rotary Club of Lafayette. I am also currently serving as a member of the Environmental Task Force, and recently all volunteer members, including me, were officially designated to be permanent members of that Task Force by the City council. I very much wish to continue serving in that capacity, as I fervently believe that sustainability is critical to our environmental health, and, to that end, this Task Force is instrumental in leading the City toward that goal. I have participated in the Task Force's good work to this point, and I wish to continue that work. I would offer that Tom Chastain, currently serving as a very key member and leader of the Environmental Task Force, would continue to represent the Planning Commission as well as the City at large, and that I would continue to serve as a volunteer Lafayette citizen, similar to that of at least six of the other assigned members.

Again, please accept my resignation from the Planning Commission effective the end of this year. I very much appreciate my past experience as a member of the Planning Commission and with working with so many dedicated public servants and staff over the past twenty-five years.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Holt

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